

# Memo

**To:** USDA Under Secretary, Mark Rey  
**From:** Housing America Corporation  
Laurie Gail Senko, Executive Director  
**Date:** 11/8/2005  
**Re:** USDA Farm Bill, successful results of funding

Question #5

Housing America is celebrating 29 years of dedicated service to the very-low, low- and moderate-income families of Yuma, Mohave and La Paz Counties of Arizona.

We have partnered with USDA Rural Development since 1978 and are very appreciative of their role in helping us to better serve the community in our service areas. I hope that you will please support continued funding for USDA Rural Development and their housing programs.

Please be assured that funding for Rural Development helps to reach out and touch people at the grassroots level and their programs work with the communities that people work and live in.

The Mutual Self-Help Program is one of the best ways to build communities. We are currently operating under our 11<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Section 523 Technical Assistance Grant with USDA RD and Housing America has helped the low-income families that we serve to build 858 Self-Help homes in Rural Arizona. Of those 858 homes, 721 homes are located in Southern Yuma County of Arizona - mostly in Somerton, with some in San Luis and Wellton. 137 of the homes are located in Kingman, AZ.

Thank You!

Laurie Gail Senko